



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE SOUTHSEA



PROSPECTUS



A CHRISTIAN CO-EDUCATIONAL DAY AND BOARDING SCHOOL FOR AGES 2-18 YEARS

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SOUTHSEA

Situated in the heart of Southsea, St John's College is an all age, co-educational day and boarding school for children with a wide range of abilities. We are a Christian school in the Lasallian tradition, a caring community which really lives according to the values of our founders.

As a relatively small school, every pupil is involved, appropriately challenged and closely supported. We pride ourselves on the strength of our pastoral care and the nature of the relationships between pupils and staff.

The quest for academic excellence is paramount, but our aim is that everyone should fulfil their potential, whatever that should be.





“The quality of pupils’ personal development is excellent. It is underpinned by the College’s nurturing and considerate ethos.”

*Independent Schools
Inspectorate*

Our curriculum is broad and balanced, firmly grounded in tradition but forward looking, preparing pupils for University and life beyond school. At the same time we believe that true education extends well beyond the academic programme and want every pupil to develop physically, spiritually and socially. We nurture creativity together with sound moral values, self awareness and self-esteem so that our pupils become confident, caring citizens.

St John’s is here to help young people grow as individuals with ambition and purpose, ready to meet the challenges and enjoy the opportunities that life presents.



Choosing a school for your child is one of the most significant decisions a parent has to make. St John’s can offer something special to every individual who joins us. Come and visit us to find out more; I look forward to welcoming you.

*Mr Graham Best
Headmaster*

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

AS A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Since our foundation in 1908, the School has sought to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Families have always looked to us to nurture their children in the Christian faith and we see this as an important part of our mission, but we are an inclusive school and all are welcome – those of other faiths or none.

St John's College is part of the world-wide Lasallian community of schools established by the De La Salle Brothers, with a network of schools in over 80 countries. Lasallian schools are ecumenical and celebrate diversity. Being Lasallian is about living and teaching the Gospel, honouring the individual and building a community. We aim to follow the vision of John Baptist De La Salle in both our academic and our pastoral care.

We seek to apply these core values to the demands of a rapidly changing society. Pupils take part in reflection and prayer within their Form, they come together for House, Year and full School assemblies and we celebrate the major Christian festivals. We are privileged to have De La Salle brothers living on campus and so pupils also benefit from 'time out' of their busy school lives.

“Take more care over their education as if they were the sons and daughters of the king.”

*Meditations,
John Baptist
De La Salle, 1730*





Our Mission:

St John's College exists to affirm Lasallian values, fostering and celebrating the gifts and talents of every individual, preparing them to make a positive contribution to our community and the wider global society.





ST JOHN'S COLLEGE NURSERY

The very youngest members of our community have their own homely and attractive building immediately adjacent to the Infant and Junior School.

Boys and girls learn and play in a safe, secure and stimulating environment with outdoor space and pleasant garden areas.

A fully qualified and well trained staff work with small groups of pre-school children in the Rockets (2-3 years) and Stars (3-4 years). The Nursery day is carefully structured to meet each child's particular needs in preparation for school.

Close links are fostered with the Infant School ready to join the Reception Class.





We aim to:

Create

a relaxed happy atmosphere in a safe and stimulating play and learning environment.

Treat

all children as individuals and develop their self-esteem through praise and encouragement.

Promote

the physical, intellectual, emotional and social development of our children with equality for all.

Encourage

and enable children to acquire the skills for confident and independent learning through play.

Help

every child to become an independent, co-operative member of the group with a sense of care and responsibility for others.

Equip

every child with the necessary skills to enter the Infant School.



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INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

“For their age, pupils in the (infant and junior) school show remarkable consideration and empathy with others; they are confident and their levels of self-esteem are particularly high.”

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The Infant and Junior School is housed in its own attractive buildings on the School's Southsea campus.

This enables boys and girls aged between four and eleven years to enjoy a safe and secure environment with ready access to a number of Senior School facilities, such as the Sports Hall, Chapel, Science laboratories and Dining Hall. The Junior School has its own library, ICT suite, music room, art room and languages room, and junior pupils are taken each week to the School's own extensive playing fields for Games lessons.

Through the expert delivery of a broad based and challenging curriculum children are fully prepared for entry to the Senior School at age 11. We aim to establish and develop a real love of learning and a well-founded sense of self-confidence in all our pupils.





Our pupils enjoy opportunities to become involved in a wide range of activities including concerts, plays, sports fixtures and residential activity holidays both at home and abroad.

A close working relationship is fostered among the children, their families and all the staff providing a strong sense of community. Every child is known, valued and carefully nurtured so that they can achieve their very best.



“The Junior School provided an amazing range of activities and experiences for our daughter to take part in as well as a solid academic focus.”

Julie Riley
parent



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

SENIOR SCHOOL

We expect our pupils to do their best academically, setting their sights high and challenging themselves to fulfil their true potential.

We recognise that everyone's academic profile is unique, but our aim is 'individual excellence for all'.

To enable every pupil to achieve the very best qualifications and to develop the skills they need, we offer a broad, balanced curriculum from Year 7 to Advanced Level, with choice and specialisation at appropriate stages. For more information about our curriculum visit our website.

Excellent teaching by a highly motivated staff underpins the work in the classroom, offering expert advice for subsequent academic and career development.

Teaching styles vary according to subject, age of pupil and individuality of the teacher. We appreciate that children also learn in different ways and so we seek to use a variety of approaches, techniques and technology to maximise progress for all.





Pupils are taught in sensibly sized classes and grouped according to ability, aptitude and interest.

Excellent provision is available for pupils who need additional support, whether for specific learning difficulties, for those who are deemed 'gifted and talented' and those who will benefit from additional academic challenge.



"From the glowing reports we received from existing parents, St John's appeared to be the perfect school for our children and I can see why they were so enthusiastic... Excellent pupil-teacher ratios; intuitive teaching; a strong inclusive community spirit, underpinned by a Christian ethos which creates stable, well-adjusted children; and a broad sports, music and drama curriculum. What more can I say... Perfect!"

*Steve Gomesz
parent*

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

SIXTH FORM

We are very proud of our Sixth Form. It provides a place for students to grow and expand their horizons as well as offering an excellent academic environment.

Our purpose is to inspire, to encourage students to fulfil their potential and to become confident and independent young people as they move on to University and beyond.

Our Sixth Form comprises a mixture of students - both from home and overseas, each with a unique contribution to share with their peers and the school as a whole. Ours is a vibrant Sixth Form, whose members offer a wide variety of perspectives and talents.

We offer a traditional A Level curriculum with a wide range of subjects. Most students take four AS Levels in the Lower Sixth and three A Levels in the Upper, though we can devise individual courses to suit.

Teacher-pupil ratios are excellent; classes are taught in small groups, enabling close working relationships.





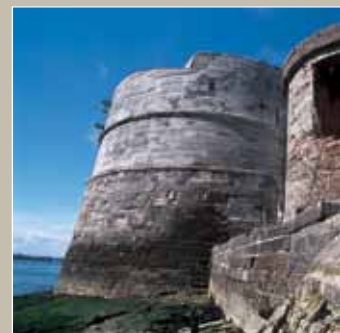
Results are strong with the majority progressing to their first choice University. Students also benefit from a lively enrichment programme of lectures, seminars, visiting speakers and practical sessions covering a wide range of topics and issues.

Beyond their studies, students play an active part in the life of the School, taking on many leadership roles of responsibility. They act as school prefects and play a particularly important role with younger pupils, encouraging and coaching in a variety of House competitions.



"I started St John's when I was four, and I was a boarder from the age of nine. During this time the school has really developed. I am very sad to be leaving but I think the school and the staff have done well in preparing me for the future."

*Jenni Wilson
Former pupil*



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BOARDING

“My son enjoys his time at St John's so much so that he can't wait for term time to begin. The relaxed but homely boarding environment means that I feel happy leaving him.”

*Neil Peachey
parent*

Boarding is an integral part of life at St John's. In a friendly and happy community, pupils enjoy a daily routine striking a healthy balance between work and fun, all in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere.

Boarders range from Year 5 (9/10 years) to Upper Sixth (17/18 years) and come from many different backgrounds and cultures, both from the UK and overseas. Life in boarding is fun and boarders forge many close friendships, some of which will last for life. The sense of community and common purpose enriches the life of the whole College.

Boarders live in a number of Edwardian Houses on campus under the care of residential House staff. The quality of catering and domestic services available helps to create a real sense of family.

Boarders of all ages enjoy a range of sporting, cultural and social activities in the evenings and at weekends, as well as having time to relax.





Study arrangements are well organised and help is available for homework when needed. For overseas students a programme of language development is available along with study skills and cultural support.



“The process of inducting new boarders is sensitive and nurturing, especially for the younger children.

The support offered to the children and opportunities for enrichment are of an outstanding quality.”

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ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

PASTORAL CARE

At St John's, every pupil is a valued individual and is part of a caring community. Although never complacent, we believe our pastoral care is second to none.

We have clear structures, sound policies and tried and tested procedures, but at the heart of it all is the relationship between the individual pupil and the staff. There is always someone to listen, advise and offer support.

Every pupil has a Tutor and Head of Year to support them whilst senior pupils often act as mentors and buddies for younger ones. The School Council, led by the Head Boy and Head Girl, represents the pupils on a variety of issues and the Chaplaincy team, which includes teaching staff and the community of Brothers, is always available for pupils and parents.

“The pastoral care in both residential and college accommodation is outstanding.”

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"I like St John's
because the
teachers care about
me. They support
me and I know
they will help me
to be my best."

*Ryan
Year 7 pupil*



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE SPORT

We pride ourselves on our sporting opportunities and endeavours. Sport plays an important part in an all-round education, from the youngest to the most senior pupils. Participation at whatever level of expertise is beneficial for good health and for enjoyment and developing character.

We have excellent facilities on site - the Sports Hall, fitness suite and squash courts, for example – and extensive playing fields on the edge of the city. The sport curriculum teaches all important skills, with an emphasis on enjoyment and 'sport for all'.

From an early age competitive fixtures are arranged against other schools. Team squads are run in our main sports: rugby, netball, football, hockey, cricket, athletics and rounders, whilst keenly contested House matches ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to play an active part.

Expert and dedicated coaching enables pupils to develop their love of sport and many go on to represent the county and to play for local clubs beyond school and even at a higher level.

Large team
squads for our
major sports
of rugby, hockey,
netball, cricket
and athletics.



We also offer a number of more individual sports such as tennis, squash and rowing and enthusiastically support those who pursue their own interests, often at a very high level, be it sailing, shooting, swimming or show jumping.





“Pupils of all ages achieve well in a variety of sports. Individuals have been recognised at national and international levels, for example in sailing and equestrian events.”

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ST JOHN'S COLLEGE CREATIVE ARTS

We want our pupils to go beyond their expectation of what they can achieve to express themselves with creativity and flair.

Nowhere can this happen more effectively than in the creative arts where we work hard to foster aesthetic and artistic opportunities.

The work of the Art and Design Technology departments is enhanced by exhibitions both in and out of school and the work on display is of an increasingly high quality.

In Drama, the Junior and Senior schools have at least one major production a year, together with a series of smaller performances, including the highly competitive House drama and dance competitions. There are also opportunities for pupils to involve themselves with backstage lighting, props and costume.



Music is vibrant at St John's. From soloists and individual instrumentalists, to the range of music ensembles, the full orchestra and choirs, from lunchtime concerts to whole school evening performances there is something for everyone - the involvement and quality is of a very high standard. The boys' Chapel Choir, for example, regularly sings services and concerts beyond the School, at home and abroad, and has been "choir in residence" in a number of English Cathedrals.





ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

CO-CURRICULAR

Opportunity and challenge

“We feel our daughters will receive a very rounded education at St John's. It's an environment in which they will realise their full potential.”

*Rebecca Cave
parent*

Education is much more than what goes on in the classroom. At St. John's, pupils have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities.

We encourage participation to harness enthusiasm, discover hidden talents and awaken interest and aspiration.

At the heart of our co-curricular programme is a very strong House system. Healthy competition helps develop determination, loyalty and collaborative skills. Every pupil is encouraged to take part in at least one area, such as drama, dance, chess or netball.

Beyond House events there are lunchtime, after school and weekend activities such as the Sea Cadets and Duke of Edinburgh Award; cheerleading and design technology clubs; politics and debating societies and much more.





As a School we take our responsibility to the wider community very seriously, at local, national and international levels. Pupils participate in concerts, presentations and competitions; we also host a number of local community events and the choirs regularly sing in cathedrals across the country.

Our Lasallian roots bring us links with other schools in the UK and with projects abroad, whilst pupils from the Nursery to the Sixth Form raise substantial amounts of money for charity through a variety of imaginative initiatives.





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